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PROCLAMATION 15-04

Commemorating Saint Leo University's 125 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, Saint Leo University is celebrating 125 years of Benedictine education; and

WHEREAS, Saint Leo University is the oldest Catholic College in Florida with nearly 80,000 alumni worldwide and more than 16,000 current students; 2,290 of those students are enrolled at the main campus in the Town of St. Leo, on the hills and shores of Lake Jovita; and

WHEREAS, Saint Leo University has been named one of the best regional universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*, is ranked among the five largest Catholic higher education institutions in the United States, and is also one of the nation's 10 leading providers of higher education to the United States military; and

WHEREAS, Saint Leo University was founded over a century ago, and the University, Holy Name Monastery, St. Leo Abbey and the Town of St. Leo share a history embodied with tradition that has formed a unique community based on shared benevolence and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Leo wishes to acknowledge the University's contributions to the Town and Community, and to continue communication and partnership with them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard H. Christmas, as Mayor of the Town of St. Leo, Florida, on behalf of the Town Commission, staff and citizens of St. Leo, do hereby congratulate Saint Leo University on 125 years of excellence.

Duly adopted and proclaimed this 9th day of March, 2015.

Joan Miller, MMC, Town Clerk

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Richard H. Christmas, Mayor